

Press Release

ESPION International, Inc. Assists Local University in Aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

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BATON ROUGE, LA--(MARKET WIRE)--Dec 8, 2005 -- Email Gateway Security maker ESPION International, Inc. (Other OTC:[EPLJ.PK](#) - [News](#)) announced that it recently signed Southern University of Louisiana as one of their newest clients. In conjunction with their commitment to assisting companies and state agencies in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, ESPION has provided special terms to existing pricing and payment options to assist the University during the recent state-mandated budget freeze. Since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita struck Southern Louisiana in late August and early September 2005, ESPION has been working with state and government officials to provide hardware and security solutions at reduced prices and in many instances deferred payments until next year.

"ESPION is committed to assisting in the rebuilding process of Southern Louisiana. We continue to work with State agencies and Universities in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and will provide these solutions and services with reduced or special pricing until the area has time to rebuild," says Ron Kaufman, ESPION's Chief Operating Officer.

"Our previous solution was doing a poor job of stopping spam," says Carl Grant, Manager of Enterprise Support Services at Southern University. "We really liked what we saw in the Interceptor, but after Hurricane Katrina, our budget received added pressure. The folks at ESPION worked closely with us to accommodate our new budget constraints. Moreover," says Grant, "the time we were previously spending trying to combat spam, we now are able to spend on more important tasks."

ESPION will be providing their signature Artificial Intelligence-based Anti-Spam gateway solution to the University, which will protect critical data and systems from being subject to malicious email attacks, Directory Harvest Attacks (DHA), viruses, phishing attempts and spyware intrusion. The solution is currently in use in every vertical market and has been tested and ranked as one of the most accurate and trusted solutions available.

ESPION has also provided company hardware and support services to many other affected agencies in Louisiana since Hurricane Katrina including the West Baton Rouge location of Homeland Security and Emergency Operations office, City of Baton Rouge and the City of Monroe to name a few.

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ESPION International, Inc. a Costa Mesa, CA.-based company, is the foremost in development and deployment of Artificial Intelligence-based solutions for email gateway and network security. The current ESPION product range offers appliances for email gateway security, anti-spam and secure email.

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